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In re Patent Application of:
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For: CMOS IMAGER HAVING A NITRIDE
DIELECTRIC

Examiner: Lynn Gurley

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Board Opinion mailed February 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.